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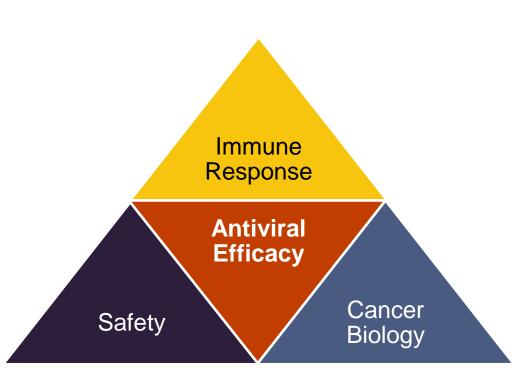
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Potential Difference between ETV and TFV

Outline

- Antiviral Efficacy
- Relapse after Treatment
 Discontinuation
- Impact on HCC Risk
- Biological Basis
- Take Home



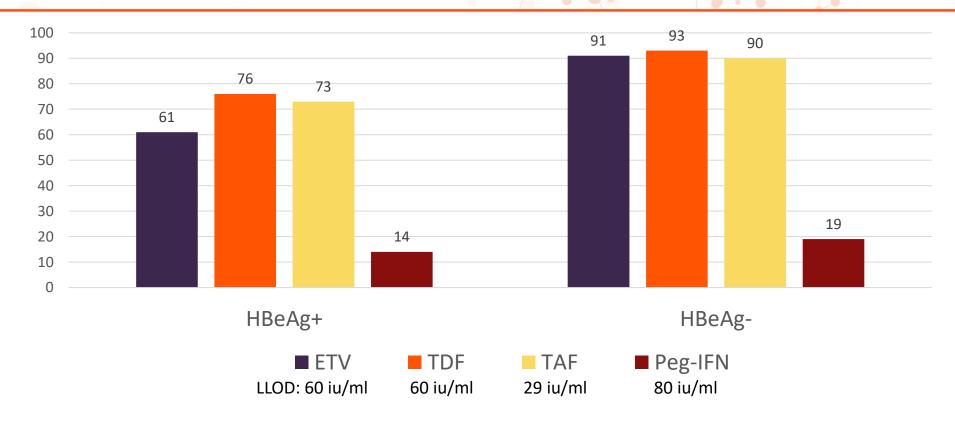
Case

- 30-year old Chinese American man, HBV diagnosed in childhood
- Treatment-naïve, HBeAg+

Timeline	HBV DNA	ALT	Action
0 (2011)	>55 M	108	ETV 0.5 QD
Mo 6	57,800	85	
Mo 12	118,000	78	

- What would you do?
 - 1. Stay on course for another 6 mo and reassess.
 - 2. Switch to tenofovir now.

AASLD Guidance: HBV DNA Suppression*

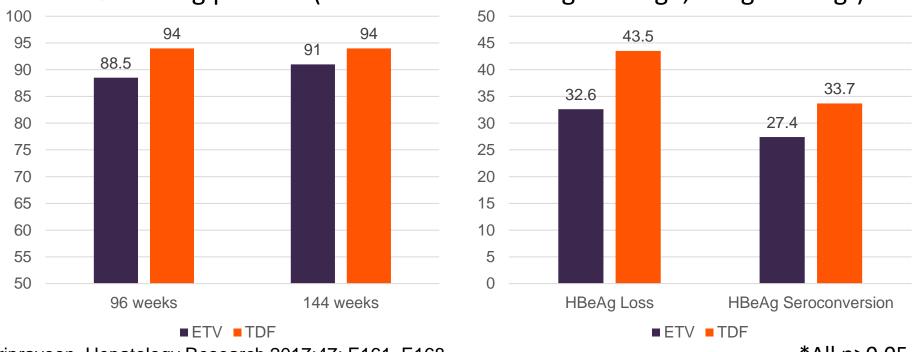


*Not head-to-head comparison

Efficacy of ETV versus TDF

Randomized, head-to-head comparison (n=200 each arm)

~50% HBeAg positive (mean viral load: 7 log for eAg+, 5 log for eAg-)



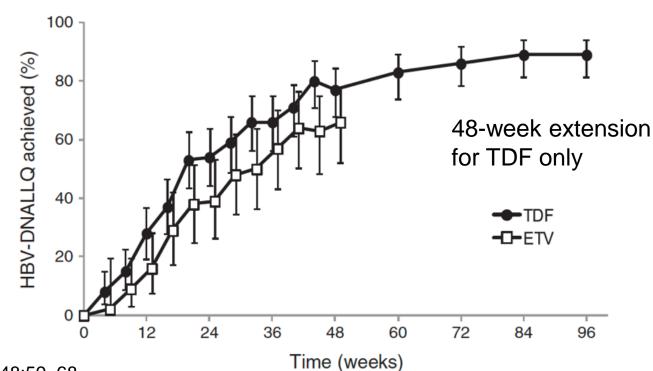
Sriprayoon. Hepatology Research 2017;47: E161–E168

*All p>0.05

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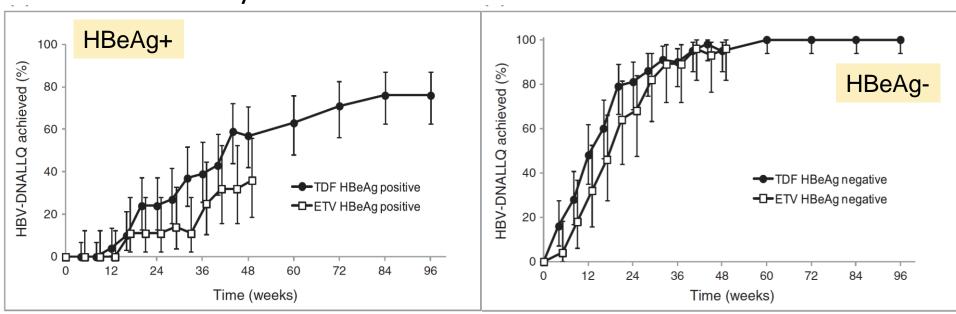
Primary end point: Non-inferiority of TDF versus ETV



Koike. Hepatology Research 2018;48:59–68

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Case - continued

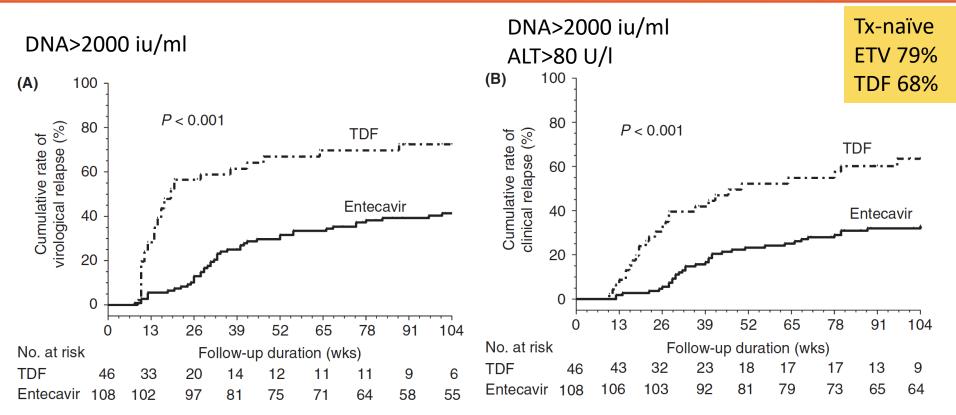
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Year 4	Und.	25	HBeAg-, HBeAb+

- Question: What would you do?
 - 1. Stop TDF after 6-12 months of consolidation
 - 2. Do not stop.

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Year 4	Und.	25	HBeAg-, HBeAb+
Year 6	Und.	29	TDF stopped
+ 3 Mo	7,282	51	
+ 4 Mo	205,728	542	TDF restarted (HBeAg- still)
Year 9	Und	34	qHBsAg 220 iu/ml

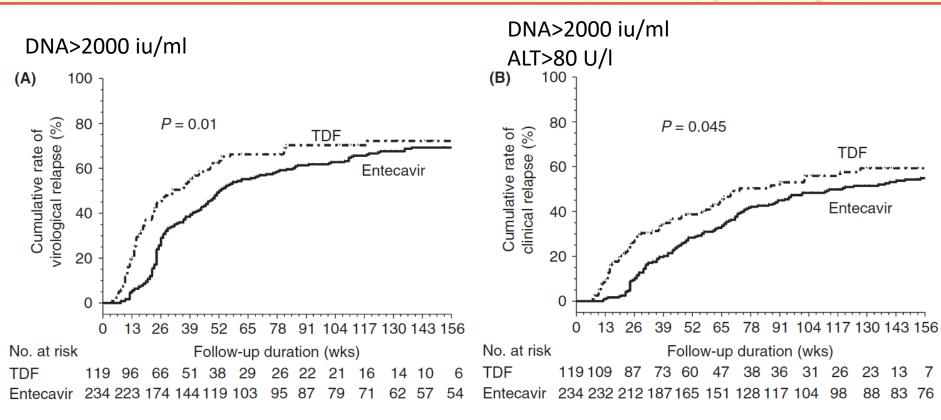
Relapse after Treatment Discontinuation: HBeAg+



Kuo. APT. 2019;49:218-228

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Antiviral Discontinuation ("Retract-B" Study)

Global consortium data (n=1,552)

41%

Various duration of Tx before discontinuation (median~3 years)

33%

2%

Virally suppressed, HBeAg negative
CHB patient who stopped NA therapy

White

HBsAg
<1000 IU/mL

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CHB patient who stopped NA therapy

HBsAg
<1000 IU/mL

≥1000 IU/mL

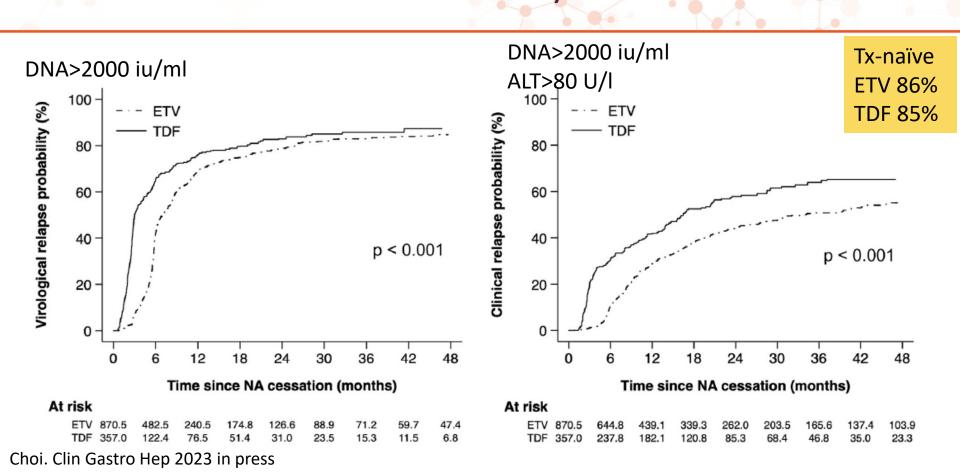
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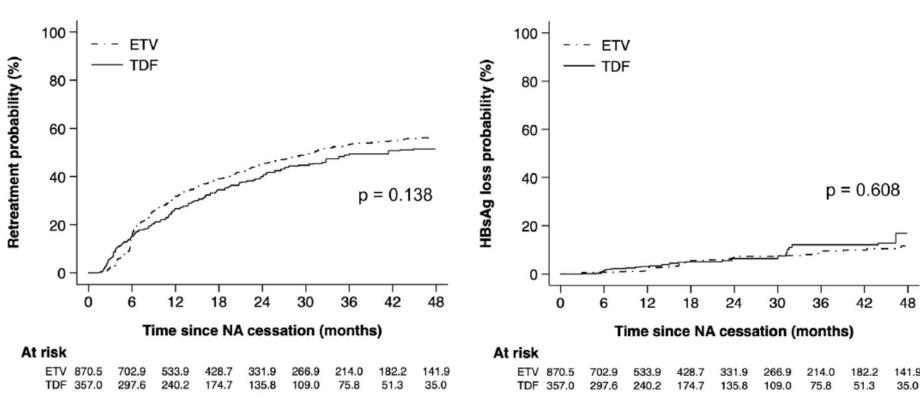
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5%

ETV versus TDF in Retract-B Study



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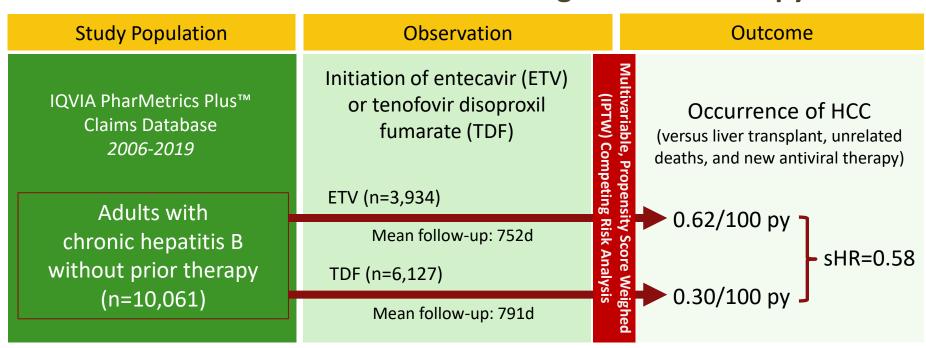
Choi. Clin Gastro Hep 2023 in press

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Risk of HCC: TDF versus ETV (US Data)

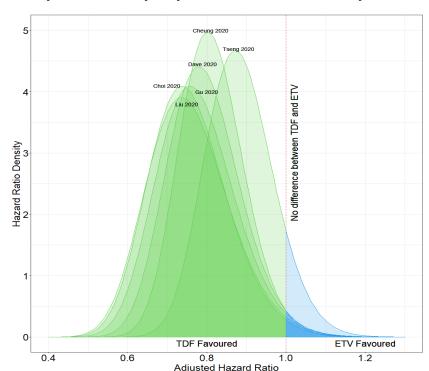
Incidence of HCC in CHB Patients Initiating Antiviral Therapy



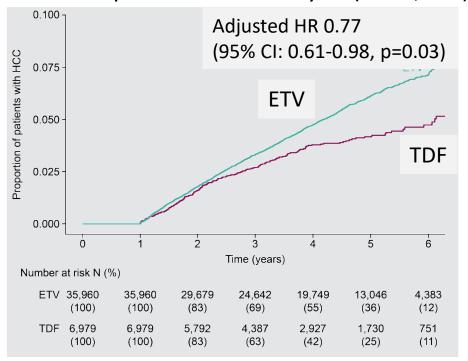
py = person years sHR = subdistribution hazard ratio

Meta-analysis: Antiviral Selection and HCC Incidence

Up to 32 papers on the topic with 6 meta-analysis since 2019



Individual patient meta-analysis (n=42,939)

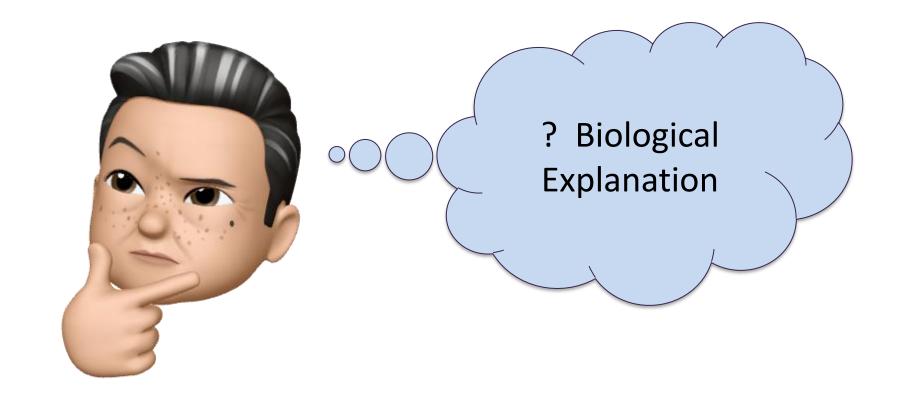


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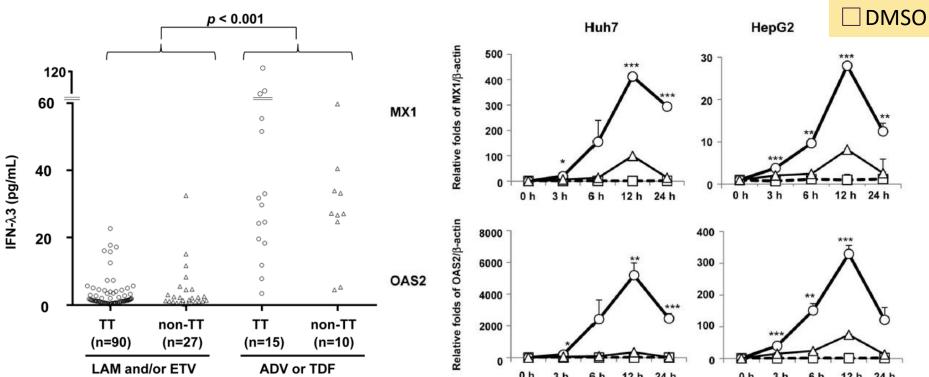
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Why would this be?



Differential Induction of IFN-λ3

- IFN-λ3 (IL-28b) suppresses HBV replication via multiple mechanisms
- Nucleotide analogues induce IFN-λ3 better than nucleoside analogues.

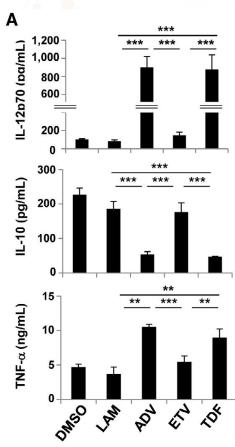


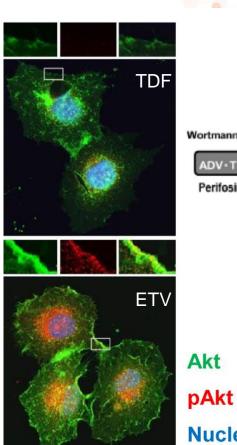
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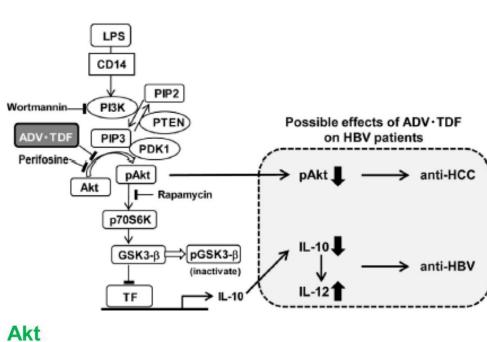
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Murata. Gut 2018;67:362-71

IL-10 versus IL-12

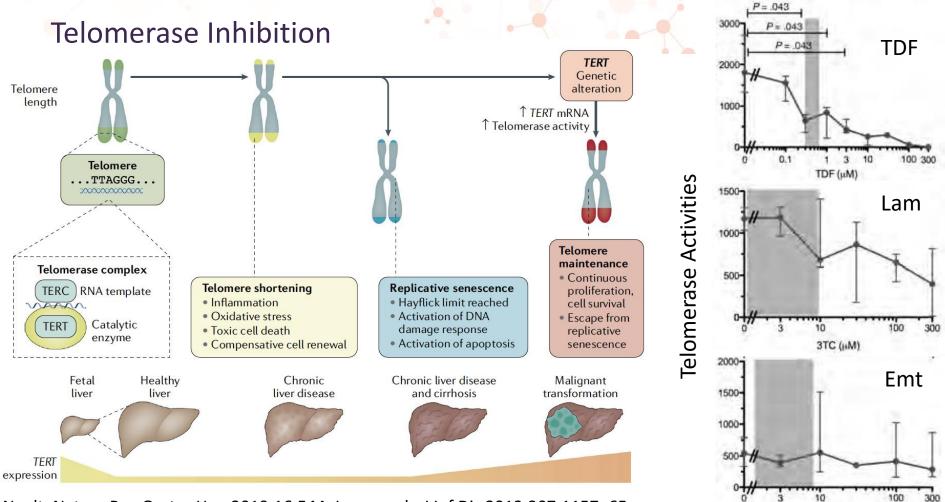






Nucleus

Murata. Hepatology 2020;71:1533



FTC (µM)

Nault. Nature Rev Gastro Hep 2019;16;544, Leeansyah. J Inf Dis 2013;207:1157–65

ETV versus Tenofovir: Clinical Implications Today

- Despite laboratory data suggesting advantage for TFV, clinical data are mixed.
- For high viral load HBeAg+ patients, TFV may be preferred for better control of viremia.
- For relapse, further data are needed: ?switch from TFV to ETV before discontinuing therapy.

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- For the HCC question:
 - New high-risk patient (e.g., high viral load, fibrosis, family history):
 - 20%+ reduction in HCC risk may be meaningful.
 - Preferring TFV may be reasonable.
 - Existing stable patients: Smaller benefits, Insufficient data to switch to TFV
 - Patient preference

